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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/1/2007

SPONSOR Rawson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Lonnie Sumpter Day SB SM 30

ANALYST Schuss

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 30 expresses appreciation and gratitude to Lonnie Sumpter for his contribution to New Mexico's future in space commercialization and declaring February 16, 2007 "Lonnie Sumpter Day" at the Senate

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Senate Memorial 30 states that Lonnie Sumpter graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in mechanical engineering and was employed by the army depot in Pueblo, Colorado, as an engineering intern. Lonnie Sumpter was employed at White Sands Missile Range, where he was eventually promoted to Senior Project Engineer. He was recruited by the Coleman Research Corporation to develop its test and evaluation business in Southern New Mexico.

Lonnie Sumpter was a founder of General Kinematics Corporation and played a key role in organizing the southwest regional space task force, which charted the early path for New Mexico in the realm of commercial space. He was appointed Executive Director of the New Mexico Office of Space Commercialization but had to leave his position due to illness.

Lonnie Sumpter continued to make an invaluable contribution to New Mexico's Commercial Space Program with his innovative systems engineering approach to flight safety analyses in

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support of reusable launch operations, as well as his presentations on the unlimited possibilities for New Mexico in commercial space. He was appointed to New Mexico's Military Base Planning Commission and personally developed a description of New Mexico's military advantages, which was included in the state's presentation to the United States Department of Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission in support of saving Cannon Air Force Base during the base realignment and closure round in 2005.

Lonnie Sumpter was appointed Director of New Mexico's Spaceport Authority, where he worked closely with the rocket racing league, UP Aerospace and Virgin Galactic Corporation and provided outstanding executive leadership to New Mexico's Commercial Spaceport Program. Lonnie Sumpter, as Director of the Spaceport Authority, worked diligently on planning, environmental review and licensing for New Mexico's Commercial Spaceport Program and presented an inspiring vision of the economic benefits of New Mexico's Spaceport through his numerous presentations to civic, cultural, professional and educational groups.

The Senate of the State of New Mexico requests that sincere appreciation and gratitude be expressed to Lonnie Sumpter for his significant contribution to New Mexico's future in space commercialization and for his love for the New Mexico Spaceport Program and that February 16, 2007 be declared "Lonnie Sumpter Day" at the Senate.

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